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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on May 4, 2004, **DETRIC D. ROSEMAN**, age 31, **JAMONTE L. ALLISON**, age 27, **ULYSSES WILLIAMS**, a/k/a “J.R.,” age 43, all of Carbondale, and **DEMETRIUS D. JOHNSON**, a/k/a “**Mete**,” age 37, of Murphysboro, Illinois, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois, in a two-count superseding indictment, charging them with conspiracy to distribute more than 5 grams of crack cocaine. JOHNSON is charged, in an additional count, with possession of a firearm by a felon. The violations took place between July 2003, and April 24, 2004, in Jackson, Randolph and Perry Counties. An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury. ROSEMAN and ALLISON are being held without bond pending their July 12, 2004, jury trial. JOHNSON and WILLIAMS are being detained pending a May 12, 2004, bond hearing.

The conspiracy charge carries a penalty of between 5-40 years’ imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2 million, and a term of at least 4 years’ supervised release. The firearm charge carries a penalty of not more than 10 years’ imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and a term of 3 years’ supervised release.

Information for the indictment was obtained through the cooperative effort of the Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to those agencies’ participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative in the Southern District of Illinois. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses. The Jackson County Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney’s Office, Jackson County States Attorney’s Office, Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, Carbondale Police Department, Jackson County Sheriff’s Office, Southern Illinois Enforcement Group, and Murphysboro Police Department. The Perry County Sheriff’s Department and Pinckneyville Police Department also participated in the investigation.

The case is assigned to Assistant United States Attorney Amanda A. Robertson for prosecution.